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'Jammed' student center causing problems

Record enrollment results in need for BSC's third phase

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Although expansion of the Billingsly Student Center sits low on the College's capital improvements agenda, additions to the building are necessary, say administrators.

The first of three BSC phases, containing the cafeteria, bookstore, and snack bar, was completed in 1969. According to Doug Carnahan, director of student life, the union was built to accommodate an in-

stitution with an enrollment of 2,000. The College has nearly tripled that number. "We're jammed," Carnahan said. "We're going through some scheduling problems with groups making reservations for two to three years down the road. We want to give our own groups first priority, but it's tough to do with limited space."

The second phase, housing the lounge and Connor Ballroom, was completed in 1979 but has since been outgrown by record enrollment, according to Carnahan.

"We are definitely going to have to have a bigger student center," he said. "There's no doubt about it."

The College has several capital improvement projects in waiting, including the communications/social sciences building and a proposed multi-purpose arena.

Also being considered are renovations to the police academy and the library. With record enrollment, however, the need for more resident housing looms larger than the need for an addition to the BSC, according to Carnahan.

A new residence hall complex would include a cafeteria to relieve the burden now felt in the BSC.

"I feel a residence hall complex would be a higher priority," Carnahan said. "With our cafeteria as it is, we can't feed any more people."

According to College President Julio Leon, the communications/social sciences building tops the priority list for capital improvements, with the multi-purpose arena following behind.

"On the timeline, there are some things

that must come first," Leon said. "The BSC addition is a rather low priority."

Leon attributes the number of desired capital improvements to the growth the College has experienced over the past decade.

"There were many projects the College was planning on a long-term basis, but the growth of the College has caused them all to come up at the same time."

A new residence facility equipped with a cafeteria would cost Southern approximately \$6 million. However, the facility would be considered an "auxiliary enterprise," making it ineligible for state funds. According to Leon, funds for such a project would come from institutional bonds, as well as a rise in room and board fees.

"Building a new dorm would have a

rather large impact on what students pay for room and board on this campus," he said. "If we build another dorm, we will have to build a new cafeteria. The cafeteria we have is too small."

An addition to the BSC would most likely be constructed on its western slope, facing the mansion. Cost figures have not been set.

In the third phase of the BSC, Carnahan would like to see more recreation space, a large television room, a locker area for commuters, and more room for groups to hold gatherings.

"We certainly could use a third section of this building," Carnahan said. "We've done some dreaming, but we're just in the process of drawing some things up. I know it will happen eventually."

Anti-apartheid movement focus of 12-hour lock-in

BY DIANE VAN DERA
CAMPUS EDITOR

Promotion of the anti-apartheid movement is the goal of a 12-hour lock-in to begin at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Lions' Den.

Traye Rhodes, executive chairperson of special events for the Campus Activities Board, is unsure whether the lock-in will serve as a protest or celebration, given the recent changes in South Africa.

"We're going through this day by day," said Rhodes. "We're watching the news so closely that we don't know how it's going to be."

Should the lock-in become a celebration, Rhodes says participants will look back to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and say "the dream has come at last."

Rapidly changing policy in South Africa, beginning with the release of Nelson Mandela last week, has Rhodes believing it may be "a little too good to be true."

"I was happy at first," she said. "But when I sit down and think about it, it just seems to be to get people off the back of the government. It seems like a cover-up. It may change. There just has to be pressure kept on them."

"For me, Mandela is not the leader that he went in [to prison] as. He's more like a legend now. I don't know if he's scared that he's going to die and feels he might as well die fighting, or if prison has changed him."

"All the other great people who fought against racism have died. He's really the only one left from the period between Gandhi and him, so I can understand why he wants to be violent."

Rhodes came up with the idea for an anti-apartheid lock-in when she learned that Southern would not celebrate King's

birthday as a College holiday.

"It seems that history repeats itself," said Rhodes. "What's going on in South Africa reminded me of what was happening 20 or 30 years ago in America and if it wasn't for [Mohandas] Gandhi, Martin Luther King wouldn't have gotten the idea to do something in his own country, so I thought maybe another country outside of South Africa could help them a little bit."

The lock-in is an all-campus event, though the idea originally was sponsored by the CAB. Rhodes said approximately 24 people have volunteered "just to put it together."

I thought it was just going to be Lory St. Clair (CAB chairperson of lectures) and I, but the response has been great."

Cry Freedom, a movie depicting the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, *Mississippi Burning*, and *Betrayed* will be shown during the lock-in.

There will be an open panel discussion about the anti-apartheid movement and the apartheid philosophy for students to air their views. Rhodes encourages both viewpoints to be expressed.

"We need some one who's for it [apartheid] so we can understand their thinking," she said. "The response around campus has been very positive. A lot of people are willing to help, asking questions and giving us more ideas we can use."

Preparation for the lock-in has included a boycott campaign against American companies who still sell their products in South Africa, namely Coca-Cola.

"We want more awareness of what's going on. People need to realize there's no perfect society, and if we're not careful, this could happen to us. Instead of progressing, we could regress."



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Practice run

The Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, two hours before a concert in the Taylor Performing Arts Center last night, gets in a final rehearsal. The 101-member orchestra, brought to Missouri Southern by Pro Musica, played to a sell-out. Conductor Kazimierz Kord led the two-hour performance.

Press conference tomorrow

A press conference will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow, preceding the Board of Regents meeting, in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center.

A press release described the press conference as announcing a "new program" at Southern. College President Julio Leon, who declined to comment on the matter, will miss a meeting of

the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education to take part.

Included under new business on the Board's agenda is the topic of increased student fees. The Regents could take action on the matter, but Leon believes they will delay a decision until their March meeting.

"I think fees will go up," he said. "The question is by how much."

Pianists from across world to take part in competition

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
ARTS EDITOR

After a year-long hiatus, the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition will return April 23-26.

The competition, held in the Taylor Performing Arts Center, made its debut in 1987 and also was held in 1988. The competition was not held in 1989.

According to Vivian Leon, new director of the competition, poor attendance in 1988 was not the reason for the hiatus.

She said the event originally was planned to be held every other year to allow time in between to reorganize and make needed changes. Two consecutive competitions

were held in 1987 and 1988 to honor the College's 50th anniversary.

This year, Leon is hoping for better attendance. She thinks a way to stimulate participation is through advertising.

"We need the community to be more aware," she said. "We are working very hard this year on bringing the news to the public."

Pianists from all over the world have been invited to compete. Fifty-five entries submitted tapes of their music. On the basis of the quality of the music and the reputation of the entrants, 37 competitors

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College names 23 Oxford participants

Students, faculty to each take one class during three-week tutorial sessions

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Twenty students and three faculty have been selected to participate in Missouri Southern's summer Oxford program.

Letters asking eligible students to apply were sent out in early November. Eligibility was based on grade-point average and accumulated college hours. The honors committee recently selected the recipients.

Though in recent years the majority of students who were selected were honors students, this year's group consists of approximately half regular students as well. Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history; Dr. Erin Ray, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Rosanne Joyner, assistant professor of education, will join the 20 students.

Fourteen of Southern's participants will attend the July 1-11 session, each taking one class. "The Fascination of Medieval England," "Queen Victoria and Her Ministers," and "Space and Time" are among the offerings.

The other nine Southern participants will attend the July 22-Aug. 11 session, which offers such classes as "Cathedral Towns," "Treasures of Oxford," and "Castles to Cottages."

Delores Honey, director of the Oxford

program, believes the quality of applicants improves each year.

"I think we've come to the point where students come in and have a higher expectation to go," she said. "I think there's a better understanding among them about what the experience is."

All students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the trip, but will have to provide the remaining \$2,000 from their own means.

"They have a large commitment in a situation like this," said Honey.

Students selected to attend Oxford are Tempest Abight, Rebecca Allen, Dawn Anderson, Jane Brown, Cheryl Chapman, Betsy Fleischaker, Kenneth Grundt, Steve Hann, Christine Howell, Louann Harcelin, Melody Marlatt, Candy Novak, William Rodriguez, Stacy Sparrow, Vincent Sprenkle, Leigh Sumpter, Karen Taylor, Melissa Thompson, William Thompson, and Mark Whitwell.

Honey said the most significant part of the trip will be in the cultural experience and studying under a different academic system.

"They're totally immersed for three weeks in the tutor system instead of our lecture system," she said. "They'll come back with a different perspective because they've seen America through the eyes of the British and other foreigners who are

over there."

Southern's faculty will attend classes just as the students do.

"They'll approach that experience with much more background than our students will," said Honey. "It's not a sabbatical, but certainly a change of pace for them that has advantages to us."

Chapman, a junior marketing and management major, said she is overwhelmed in her selection. When applying, students also were required to submit an essay.

"I knew they sent out about 200 applications, so I just didn't think my essay would be better than anyone else's," she said. "I know this will be a chance that may never come more than once, and I want to take advantage of it."

Whitwell, a junior accounting major, believes studying under the tutorial system will benefit him.

"We'll have more one-on-one interaction with the teacher," he said. "I just wanted to try something different because this is all I'll ever know."

Chapman is working to help save the \$2,000 she must provide for the trip.

"It's going to take some work, but it'll be worth it," she said. "I'm working and my parents are helping me out because they didn't want me to pass this by."

Ukraine Peace Walk topic of slide show

Kumbier to discuss her 1988 participation

BY KATY HURN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The International Club will sponsor a presentation and slide show titled "Soviet-American Peace Walk in the Ukraine" next week.

All Missouri Southern students, faculty, and staff members are invited, along with the general public, to the presentation at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Jan Kumbier, a former French and Russian instructor from Ames, Iowa, will present the show. She and her 12-year-old daughter, Alana, took part in the Ukraine Peace Walk in August and September 1988. They previously participated in an American Peace March in Iowa while they still were living there.

"My daughter and I both have been interested in the peace movement for several years," said Kumbier. "The idea behind it is a citizens diplomacy effort. They're wanting to bring people together."

The International Peace Walks Organization, based in California, sponsors walks in the United States and the Soviet Union. Approximately 200 Americans and 200 Soviets participate in each walk, but no more, due to limited camping space.

Though participants are required to pay a fee, they also are encouraged to help raise funds.

"They encourage the walkers to fund raise through churches, schools, civic organizations, and peace groups," said Kumbier. "The idea is that when people are sending you, there's more of a feeling of commitment to the effort."

Kumbier believes these walks provide a unique opportunity for people.

"They open up people's minds and give them different perspectives on the other cultures," she said.

The group traveled to rural areas and were met by people who provided them with meals for their journey.

"They were very sincere and wanted to greet us and welcome us with open arms," said Kumbier. "Even though we were walking through their village, they would go to incredible lengths to make us feel comfortable."

Kumbier said the Soviets were very open when discussing the problems of their lifestyles.

"They wanted to know about our consumer goods and homes," she said. "They were aware they were suffering from a serious shortage."

"There was also a lot of concern about air and water pollution. There's a real concern in the Soviet Union about taking care of the earth."

Kumbier said a typical day on the walk consisted of group discussions in the early evening, and later entertainment.

She and her daughter still have kept in touch with people they met on the walk.

"We made friendships that I'm sure will last a lifetime," said Kumbier.

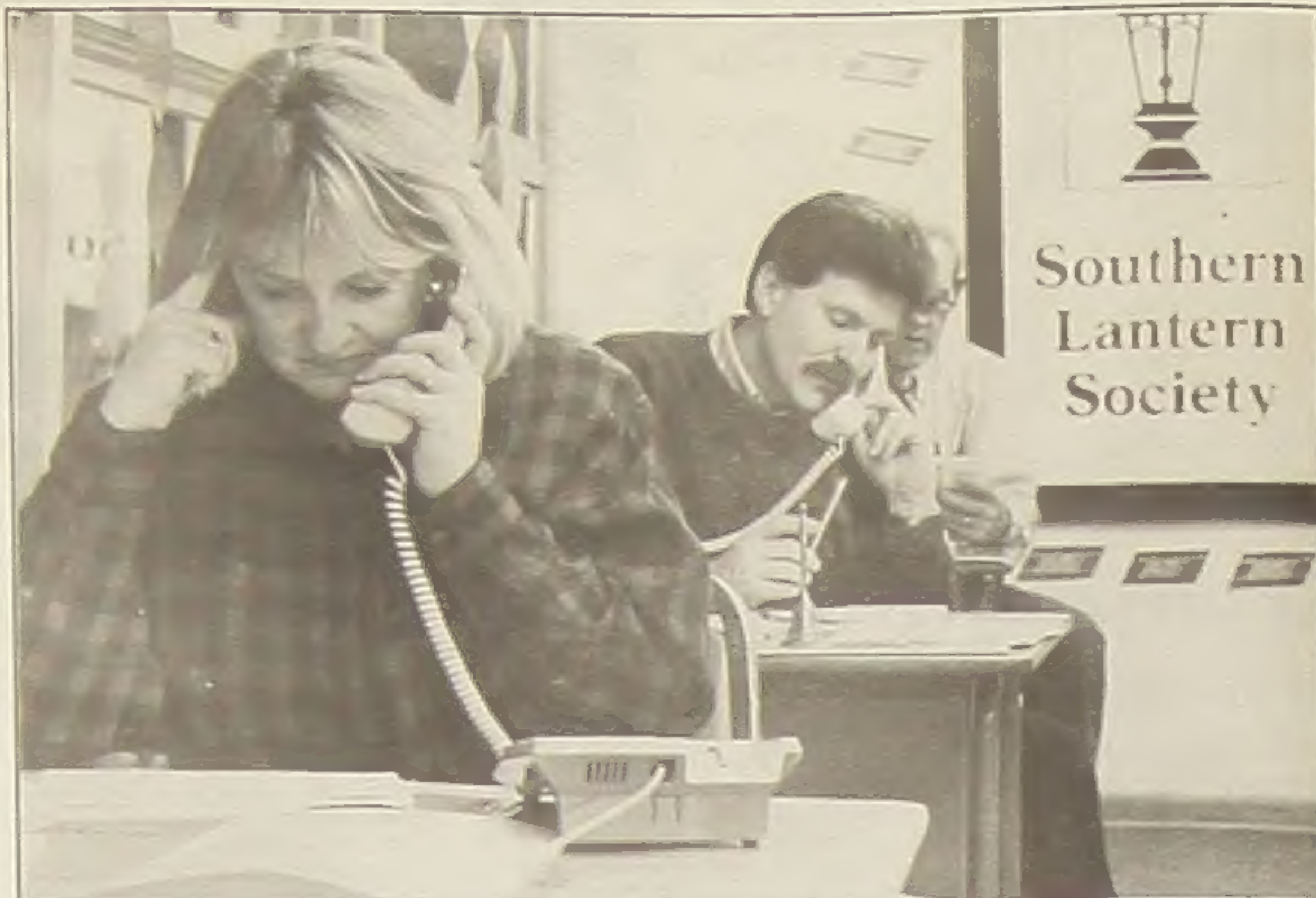
Her presentation of the peace walk will include an overview of the Ukraine and what camp life was like.

"I'd like to have people come and see the slides and learn about the walks," she said.

Three more peace walks are planned for the summer and fall. They will take place in Russia, the Ukraine, and Kazakh.

stimulate responses to questions in three areas: arts and humanities, social sciences, and natural and biological sciences. The test has no bearing on students' grades.

"Assessment of student outcomes is an important part of Missouri Southern's commitment to providing the best possible education for students," Israel said. "Information obtained from assessment measures is used by faculty and administration to assist them in making decisions for the improvement and development of quality programs to fit the needs of both current and future students."



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STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Volunteers

Sharon Beshore, a Learning Center lecturer, and Steve Carlton, an alumnus, place calls Monday night for the Phon-A-Thon. The fund drive, which ends today, passed its \$150,000 goal Tuesday.

Phon-A-Thon surpasses \$150,000 goal

Phon-A-Thon volunteers will finish making calls tonight even though this year's goal of \$150,000 was surpassed Tuesday.

"Our volunteers just worked very diligently to surpass it," said Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation. "They worked harder tonight (last night). Each team has tried to compete with the previous day. I think Thursday

they'll do the same.

"They'd like to see just how far they can go in surpassing the goal."

As of last night, the total stood at \$163,000, a figure which pleases the Foundation.

"We're happy to know our patrons are supporting the College the way they do," she said. "The gifts have noticeably increased from last year. We're pleased the

people we've contacted have confidence in the College, the administration, and in our endeavors."

Many different student organizations have come forth to make calls in the Phon-A-Thon. Yesterday, for example, the baseball team worked two different shifts.

"We've had a steady stream of workers all the time," said Billingsly.

Seniors to take assessment test

Dates for assessment testing of seniors have been announced by Dr. Betty Israel, director of Missouri Southern's assessment program.

Seniors can take the ACT COMP on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium. On Wednesday, Feb. 28, the test will be given from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and then again on March 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

According to Israel, the test is not one students can study for, but instead uses audio-visual and written media which

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were chosen, 26 of whom have already won prizes in other competitions.

This year's competition will feature pianists from all over the world, including Canada, Brazil, China, Holland, England, France, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines.

Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 will be presented to winners from both the senior (19-30) and junior (18 and under) divisions. Funding for the prizes

will come from ticket revenues, patrons, and corporate sponsors. The entry fee for each contestant is \$40.

According to Leon, the competition is almost unique.

"We are so fortunate to have this program," she said. "Only four other colleges in the whole country have competitions similar to ours, and those colleges are all much larger than us."

"I only hope that people will be aware

of what we are trying to do and that we will have the support of both the College and Joplin community. A lot of times on campus we aren't always aware of what is happening in other departments. I really hope we have their support."

Leon said beyond attending the concerts, the community could show support by becoming host families for the out-of-town guests. Those interested may contact the music department at 625-9318.

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A break Julie Luton, a senior English major, relaxes before leaving for her job at the Chamber of Commerce.

Gandhi's grandson to speak

Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of the Indian pacifist leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, will present a free lecture titled "Racism: An International View" at 1 p.m. today in the Connor Ballroom of the Billings Student Center.

Gandhi, a research assistant and consultant at the University of Mississippi Center for the Study of Southern Culture, founded the Society for National Integration in India in 1970 and has worked toward developing commerce and industry for the rural poor in India.

"Dr. Gandhi doesn't embrace the same political beliefs his grandfather held," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, "and therefore doesn't seem to present as controversial an image."

Some of the issues Gandhi will address include the recent developments in South Africa and Asian racism.

After the speech, those attending will have an opportunity to pursue topics of interest in a question-and-answer session.

Gandhi's visit is costing the Campus Activities Board \$3,500.

English major enjoys hectic pace

Luton learns about city through Chamber of Commerce position

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

As an administrative assistant and newsletter editor for the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Julie Luton says she enjoys the hectic schedule.

"It is busy, but it is fun," said Luton, a senior English major. "I enjoy the people. There is a tremendous amount of people who volunteer their time to the Chamber, and that is what makes the Chamber work."

"I do consider the Chamber a vital part of today's community, and Joplin will grow. The Chamber will certainly improve the growth and expand it and hurry it up a little bit."

Luton's position as administrative assistant requires her to write checks and handle the payroll, cash disbursements, and cash receipts. She also is responsible for the administrative directory and various brochures put out by the Chamber.

Functions such as "Eggs and Issues," a governmental relations project where representatives have a breakfast and discuss Missouri legislative issues, and the "Small Business Round Table," where issues concerning businesses in the Joplin area are

discussed, are attended by her as well.

According to Luton, the newsletter is a fairly new project which deals with items affecting the Chamber or Chamber members (businesses).

She says her position as newsletter editor has not been difficult. "I have a lot of help," she said. "It just takes a little time."

Luton says she has gained a tremendous amount of experience. "I also know more about Joplin," she said. "I mean you would be amazed at how ignorant I was before I went there [to the Chamber of Commerce]."

"I've learned how to write better and communicate better. There is just so much to learn."

Currently, Luton is taking nine hours at Southern and is in the honors program.

"I enjoy the English field, and I like the literature," she said. "I chose a business minor because it is important in today's society to be current with computers, accounting, and economics."

"I think they are both equally important. I can be flexible with my English major and current with my business minor."

Luton and her husband, Shan, an ac-

counting major, both plan to graduate in May from Southern.

A fulfilling career, whether at the Chamber or elsewhere, is her goal.

"It needs to be interesting and one to which I feel challenged," she said. "Personally, I hope to have a successful marriage and at some point in time have children."

Environmental concerns are extremely important to Luton. "It would be difficult to think of anything more important because whatever affects the world such as this could ruin our economy and our agriculture. It could ruin everything if we continue the way we are going, and that would affect everyone—not just the United States."

"We need to realize what we are doing because I don't think people think about things when they throw a cigarette out the window or things of that nature."

She says she realizes students are busy, but if they have any time they should involve themselves.

At times she says she has a hard time remembering "to do things one day at a time and not worry about scheduling problems, because they usually work themselves out."

Getting down to business

From the Business Office, Hearnes Hall Room 210

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2/21/90

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2/26/90

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4-1889-1 A local radio station is looking for an on-the-air announcer. Hours are weekends and full-in rotating shifts. Pay starts at \$4/hr. Come by HH 114-F for more info.

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5-2317-1 A Webb City video store is looking for an assistant manager. Duties will include working with the public, handling money, and some bookkeeping. Hours are flexible in the mornings and evenings, 30-40 hrs./wk. Check with the SES office for more info.

3-2196-4 A local hotel is looking for an assistant night auditor to balance the day's transactions. Pay scale is \$3.90/hr. Hours are Sat. and Sun., 11 p.m.-7 a.m. Check with the SES office for details.

4-2315-1 A security guard is needed at a local business. Hours are 6 p.m.-6 a.m., Sat. and Sun. Pay scale is \$3.50/hr. A great job for those who are night owls. Come by HH 114-F to find out more about this job.



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OUR EDITORIALS

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We must keep raising tuition

It is highly probable that, within the next couple of months, the Board of Regents will engage in their annual hike of student fees. Yawn.

We assume that raising tuition is necessary, as Missouri Southern continues to be a perennial financial loser in Jefferson City. The Board realizes that a rise in student costs will amount to no more than peanuts when compared to the bigger funding picture, and that single-digit tuition hikes will cover only the measliest of institutional expenses. We also assume that the Board's imminent move will reflect that.

Despite the candy-apple atmosphere provided by high quality education at a low price, it may be time for Southern to dispense the "good but cheap" notion that is synonymous with our namesake. When tuition rises, current students don't think of the great value they are receiving. For better or worse, they see the hike for what it is: more money out of their wallets. Our priorities must change.

We can't let the good intentions of public relations muppets (i.e. Martin Nemko) fool us with supermarket tabloid eye-catchers like "Ivy League education at a public institution cost." Believe it or not, we can only get so much bang for the public buck. The quality of an education is contingent on the amount of money one, or a group, is willing to spend. Legislators don't seem to want to take the financial leap of faith. We must do that.

We must shoulder the burden.

Good to see

Student activism, no matter what the degree, is a refreshing change on this campus.

Tomorrow, an anti-apartheid lock-in will be held in the Lions' Den, to either protest or celebrate the recent changes in South Africa. Today, Arun Gandhi, grandson of pacifist leader Mohandas Gandhi, will speak on international racism. These two events reflect the College's commitment to a multi-cultural atmosphere.

More importantly, the lock-in may signal the start of something new at Missouri Southern. This campus is not known for bustling student activism, and the lock-in could serve to unite students.

Though we are far removed from the South African cancer, the thoughts and concerns of those who will participate in the lock-in are not lost on the community.

Disappointing, however, is the number of people showing up at such events as the Feb. 1 teleconference on black history. Admittedly, many of us are apathetic. That must change so we can forge the image of a caring and concerned student body.



Small-town scene overcomes stuffiness

BY JOHN FORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Small-town life has always been put into a rather derisive light on television. Shows such as *The Dukes of Hazzard* contributed to the image of the small-town/rural dufus who was loyal to God, the South, and Mom. But I recently had an experience which should serve to dispel myths about small communities.

I obtained an internship at a small-town newspaper with a circulation of about 3,000 (similar to *The Chart's*). I hope that the paper, *The Baxter Springs Citizen*, will serve as a catalyst to an exciting career in print journalism.

In the course of working at this paper for the past month, I have met quite a few people who were not stereotypical small-town inhabitants. Instead of car nuts who race along narrow dirt roads, I found Baxter Springs, Kan., to be a bustling, modern city with wide, paved streets and no "General Lee" fleeing from the county sheriff.

Baxter Springs may be a small community of only 5,000 residents, but it is like any other town, only a bit more informal. I found the informality among business people to be a pleasant contrast to some of the stuffiness I've encountered other places.



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Take my first week on the job, for instance. I'm sure most of us have seen those types of movies in which small-town folks "don't take kindly to strangers." Nothing could be further from the truth. I called one gentleman for an impromptu interview and was subsequently invited to church, a Lion's Club meeting, and various other social functions. Everywhere I have gone for interviews has brought me into contact with friendly people. Of course, every town has a grouch or two, but I would estimate that 99 percent of the people are very receptive to us "outsiders."

"I was born in a small town/ and I live in a small town/ probably die in a small town/ Oh, those small communities," sang John Cougar Mellencamp on his 1985 release *Scarecrow*. But I haven't found a lot of that kind of sentiment among high schoolers, yet. Most of the young residents of Baxter Springs who I have talked to cannot wait to go away to college or work. However, they eventually return. I have talked with a number of business people in their late 20s and early 30s who, after graduating from college and trying the fast pace of life in the big city, returned to their roots.

Another thing I have noticed is the slower pace of life. In Joplin, warm Sunday afternoons are meant for cruising, tinkering with the old car, or working in general. The same is true for Baxter, except the people don't seem as rushed. I went to

the historical museum on a balmy Sunday to do some research for an article, and the museum curator almost talked my leg off about the town's rich and varied history. I spent three hours in the museum, finding more than enough for my story.

And no, it wasn't boring. I learned that history students at the town's high school couldn't escape a lesson about the Civil War by looking out the window—the view they see is the site of a confrontation between Union forces and Quantrill's Raiders.

Some may wonder what there is to do in a small town. To tell the truth, the opportunities aren't as varied as in St. Louis. Baxter has two bars I know of, more churches than you can shake a stick at, and no dance clubs (sorry, Chris Clark). But for raising a family or making a good living, I would urge anyone to try the small-town scene.

But I guess that's because I've always had kind of a soft, sentimental spot in my heart for the small town. I grew up in Joplin, which many of my friends refer to simply as hell, but spent many summer days in small towns such as Fort Gibson, Okla., Carl Junction, and Pineville. I had a lot of good times in towns which were barely wide spots in the road, and I made a lot of lifelong friendships in those same small towns.

Yes, large metropolises such as New York City, Los Angeles, or New Orleans have a lot of cultural and social opportunities the small towns lack, but for "real" people, small towns just can't be beat.

Amendment is misinterpreted by press

BY DR. ROBERT C. BROWN
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Everyone, I am sure, will recognize these 45 words as the famous First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. This is the first among the 10 amendments known as the Bill of Rights, and it places into the basic law of our land guarantees of freedom of religion, speech, the press, peaceable assembly, and the right to petition government. These are among the most cherished freedoms which all of us recognize as keys to the success of our American society. Yet no sentence constructed in the English language has been subjected to more strained and tortured interpretations. Unfortunately, parties from across the political spectrum have assaulted the First Amendment in attempts to advance some particular cause or belief. This has placed a special burden on the court system of our nation. It has stretched the meaning of this important part of the Constitution well beyond the in-



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tention of the original authors, and almost beyond the recognition of the reasonable freedom-loving citizens it was designed to protect.

Since the Watergate scandal of the early 1970s, the news industry in America has become increasingly aggressive in "protecting the public's right to know." They insist that the First Amendment gives them special status in society. Their argument runs something like this: We deserve to have access to all information, and we will make a decision, in the public interest, as to what should be published. The experiences of former Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan and the defendants in the McMartin Preschool Trial are but two examples of incidents which have caused some to doubt the wisdom of this position.

James Madison and the other authors of the Constitution devised a brilliant system of checks and balances to protect the individual from the state. The recent strained interpretations of the First Amendment legitimately cause some to ask who will protect the individual against the power of a potentially abusive press. How do we preserve our precious press freedom while we ensure that the rights of individual citizens are not trampled upon by an institution which is itself vital to our freedom?

These are terrible questions which our society must somehow resolve. As the informed citizen gropes for guidance in this area, we could perhaps

benefit from a bit of wisdom from Adam Smith, the 18th century Scottish philosopher who is credited with being the father of modern economic analysis. Writing in *The Wealth of Nations* in 1776, Smith said, "I have never known much good done by those who affected to trade for the public good." All too frequently, those who push press freedom to the limits of the First Amendment do so only because they have some special interest to pursue, some axe to grind, or some political ox which they wish to gore. This is no less true with respect to the other First Amendment questions of speech freedom and religious freedom (for example, such ridiculous non-issues as the playing of "America the Beautiful" on public property being a possible violation of the separation of church and state). Those who adopt extreme positions usually serve themselves and their special interests very well, but often render a disservice to the society at large.

All reasoning people agree that a free press helps to protect us against possible abuse of public trust. The real danger to press freedom may, however, not come from the most obvious source of the public servant who seeks to hide the truth. At some time in our future, we may have to face an aroused public which is incensed by press abuse and offended by extreme positions taken by some of the self-appointed guardians of the First Amendment. Such an assault on the First Amendment may prove to be very difficult to repulse. It remains, then, the task of a reasonable and informed citizenry to protect our precious freedoms, even sometimes from those who purportedly seek to enlarge them.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

If dance club fails, blame students

I would like to commend Gina Miller for the work and time she put into getting Transientz opened last week. And I would like for her to remember one thing—if the club flops, don't take it personally and don't feel like a failure. You won't be the one to blame. It will be the students' fault.

Let me share some background information. As a freshman orientation leader last

semester, Gina had her students submit weekly journal entries so she could get to know them better. She wanted to know their thoughts about Southern, the campus life, and those things many wouldn't have the nerve to share out loud. She ended up with entries full of

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Sincerity alone will not win the struggle for freedom

After nearly three decades of incarceration, the great South African leader, Nelson Mandela, has been released from prison. Nevertheless, he is still in bondage. The "chains of oppression" have only been loosened. His struggle for freedom has a new-found fervor that was activated upon his release. In an address to his followers, Mandela spoke these powerful words, "I have fought against White domination; and, I have fought against Black domination. I have carried ideas of democratic society where all live in harmony, with equal opportunity.... If need be it is an idea for which I am prepared to die."

Ironically, these words were the same words spoken by Mandela, at a trial, prior to his im-

prisonment. He was sincere then and he is sincere now. But his sincerity alone will not win the struggle for freedom.

For this reason, he asks for the continued support of world on-lookers. The world can help. The U.S. can help and even Missouri Southern can help.

How? First, on a national scale we must maintain the current economic sanctions against South Africa. President De Klerk and the current leaders of South Africa are making strides to end Apartheid; however, in the words of Mandela, "To lift sanctions will run the risks of aborting progress." These are risks that even an amateur gambler wouldn't take.

Next, we at Southern can help by simply becoming more aware. The struggle in South Africa is similar to the founding principles for which our society was formed. Let's empathize with our South African counterparts. In today's world where technology thrives, freedom and democracy is not too much to ask; and with Nelson Mandela at the helm, it is inevitable in South Africa. The only question is: When?

Our futures are inextricably bound; Let's not be blind to our own future!

Kevin Hooks

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Senate gets raise in funding but lower cut of activity fee

Carnahan says off-campus charity donations will be eliminated

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although the Student Senate has a smaller percentage of student activity fees than before, it actually is working with a larger budget.

According to Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, the allocation of student activity fees changed recently from the original 80-20 split between the Campus Activities Board and the Senate.

The new split provides 18 percent for the Senate; however, Carnahan says because of increases in enrollment and a new policy of collecting activity fees from part-time students, the funding actually has increased in total dollars.

Another break for the Senate, Carnahan said, is that 20 percent of student activity fees now are set aside for Homecoming week and Spring Fling activities. In

a fair manner.

"Years ago, there was a lot of inconsistency with what the Senate did," he said. He explained that senators would be conservative with allocations throughout the semester, but give overly large amounts at the end "without much rationale."

"We're not trying to save the money," he said. "We want to spend the money that is theirs (the students)."

Carnahan said the Senate, in the future, likely will not make donations to charity through its budget. Instead, donations will be limited to on-campus efforts, such as the \$500 pledge this semester to the Phon-A-Thon.

"The students felt the student activity fees should be used to help students and that can be best done by keeping the money on campus in some way," Carnahan said.

The greatest expense incurred by the

300-400 guests, costs more than \$3,000. Also included in this price are the motel bills for the senators who attend.

"The feedback we get from Sen. [Richard] Webster (R-Carriage) is that it is well received," Carnahan said. "They tell us it's a good effort."

The mission, however, of the Senate is to provide funding for student organizations who request it. For this, Carnahan says ample funds exist.

"I feel like the Student Senate is funded enough based on the number of organizations and on the number of requests. But the CAB could always use more," he said.

In total, the Senate allocated \$2,680.50 during the fall semester in six separate allocations and has given \$5,873.98 thus far this spring in 10 allocations. Carnahan gives organizational time in the fall as reason for the difference in numbers of allocations during the fall and spring semesters.

Although the allocation limit for organizations is \$1,000 per semester, Carnahan said some senators are calling for a raise to \$1,500 per semester citing the increased budget as justification.

"We might be ready for that in the future," he said, "but we've been able to spend our money comfortably each semester so it will probably be later."

Other expenses incurred by the Senate include printing, telephone costs, plants and flowers given to nursing homes and for funerals of students, and copy machines until they are paid for through copy receipts.

Carnahan said that because of these expenses, which he described as "minimal," the Senate usually does not completely drain its account at the end of each semester.

"They (the senators) like to leave some money to pay for spring expenses that are not billed until the summer," he said.

Senate in the annual lobbying trip to Jefferson City. Although the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce provided partial funding for the trip two years ago, Carnahan said he prefers the Senate to foot the bill alone.

"We didn't feel good about this [Chamber funding]. We felt that when we went in with the Chamber of Commerce, they stole a lot of our thunder," he said. "If we go to the time and trouble to go up and lobby for the College, we want all attention focused on the College."

The trip, which includes a luncheon for

the past, CAB and the Senate jointly provided funding for these activities.

"The most expensive events for each semester are Homecoming week and Spring Fling week, and in the past CAB would run short of money and they would always ask the Senate for help," he said.

Because of disputes regarding how much of the bill the Senate should foot each year, a set percentage was established.

According to Carnahan, the Senate has ample amounts of money to work with each semester and attempts to spend most of it while funding the organizations in

"The students felt the student activity fees should be used to help students and that can best be done by keeping the money on campus in some way."

—Doug Carnahan, director of student life

CAB works to cater to student tastes

More art and culture to be programmed to accommodate higher average age

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With a higher average student age and more money, the Campus Activities Board is planning next semester's emphasis to change.

"We've changed a lot of our thrust this semester," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "We are programming more lectures and concentrating on fine arts and culture because the student age has gone up."

A recent change in the funding structure provides the CAB with 64 percent of student activity fees. Previously, the CAB received 80 percent with the remainder

going to the Student Senate.

Now, however, the Senate receives 36 percent of the fees with the remaining 20 percent set aside for Homecoming and Spring Fling activities.

The change in funding also requires that part-time students now be charged an activity fee. At present, full-time students are charged \$15 and part-time students pay \$10 per semester.

Some of the other changes include a fee charged to summer students. Carlisle said this was an unexpected change.

"Last year we were caught off guard by the [summer] budget," she said. "We didn't know we were getting one, so at the last minute we pulled off a cookout. This

summer we know, so we will be planning some things."

This summer's fees, Carlisle said, should provide \$10,000-\$12,000 for the CAB.

Contrary to popular belief, the CAB is not responsible for such events as the Homecoming cookout and the Spring Fling cookout.

"They (most students) think that CAB runs Homecoming, but they don't," she said. "They think CAB runs the ticket office, but it is run by the Billingsly Student Center."

According to Carlisle, the cookouts are organized by the student activities office, which is separate from the CAB. Carlisle also is director of this organization.

"We (the student activity office) monitor clubs and organizations all over campus. We're concerned that the students get the best deal," she said. "Whenever a group comes on campus, we want to make sure it is student oriented."

The CAB is responsible for the weekly movies in the Barn Theatre and activities during Homecoming week, such as the talent show. Movies, Carlisle said, are purchased from a company in a package deal that usually carries a large discount.

The most expensive items on the CAB budget are the special events programs such as Jack White, a trick-shot artist, and Scott Jones, comedian/musician. They received \$650 and \$1,100, respectively.

Coming attractions this spring include a yet-to-be-named comedian and amateur recording studio set up in the Lions' Den.

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complaints. With "nothing" to do on campus, many students said they spent their free time getting drunk or stoned. So Gina's idea for an on-campus dance club was born. After months of planning, organizing, and headaches, it opened two weeks ago.

Transientz is for the students and run by the students, namely those willing to put their time and effort into the project. If it is successful, it will become a permanent part of the campus and campus nightlife. CAB and student services will sponsor the club and take over the club's operations. Possibly more funding will be appropriated for better equipment if the club proves feasible. As of now, things seem to be up in the air

and on shaky ground. That amazes me and I'm looking for reasons why.

Why aren't students going to Transientz? Why aren't they volunteering to deejay or work as the door as a bouncer? Why aren't they bringing music they would like to hear? And why are the same people showing up each night?

Just as we vote people in and out of office or rally behind a cause to make a change, students get off your butts and rally behind this cause. That is, rally if you want a permanent on-campus club. Setting up the equipment, making posters, running the club, and breaking it down afterwards takes time. Anything worth working for takes time. Though this club may have taken many by sur-

prise, now let it be known what Transientz is all about. There's not much time left.

Gina has some neat ideas for the club's expansion in the future. She also welcomes all other ideas and help that students may offer in order to get this thing going. But it won't happen unless people kick it in now and show there is a need for an on-campus club. How about a live band, a rock-n-roll night, a rap night, a game show simulation? Hey—you name it and let's just do it. Students, don't let this get "nipped in the bud." It is really all up to you now.

Kelly Wells

Senate Allocations

Allocations for Fall 1989

Estimated Starting Budget: \$19,197.93*

Sept. 27	Social Sciences Club.....\$250 College Orientation.....\$500
Oct. 4	Student Mo. State Teachers Assoc.....\$300.50
Oct. 18	Council for Exceptional Children.....\$150 Rugby Club.....\$700
Nov. 15	Biology Club.....\$780

Allocations for Spring 1990

Estimated Starting Budget: \$19,700.43*

Jan. 17	Phon-A-Thon donation.....\$500
Jan. 24	Student Nurses Assoc.....\$995.98 C-MENC.....\$1,000 College Players.....\$591 Alpha Psi Omega.....\$370
Feb. 7	Omicron Delta Kappa.....\$337 Modern Communications Club.....\$600 Kappa Omicron Rho.....\$1,000
Feb. 14	Social Sciences Club.....\$992 Sigma Tau Delta.....\$880

* The estimated budget is derived by combining the unspent budget from the previous semester with the funding provided by student activity fees. Because enrollment is unofficial until mid-semester, the actual budget figure remains unofficial as well. Estimated amount from activity fees in the Fall was \$13,000 and \$9,000 in the Spring.

CHART GRAPHIC BY STEPHEN MOORE

CAB Expenses Fall 1989-Spring 1990

Postage.....	\$316.82
Bookstore fees.....	\$179.38
Printing and office supplies.....	\$27.62
Summer Cookout.....	\$3,700
Jack White: trick shot artist.....	\$650
"Hands Off, Let's Talk": lecture.....	\$1,600
Calendars.....	\$1,135
Food.....	\$1,291.42
Publications.....	\$729
Dances.....	\$1,395.35
Hotel for performers.....	\$265.40
Ariel concert.....	\$6,007
Phone.....	\$543.80
Conferences.....	\$3,483.40
PSU game tickets.....	\$525
White Lion tickets.....	\$1,600
Ski Trip.....	\$3,943
Misc. Advertising.....	\$979.70
Mileage.....	\$677.32
Contest Prizes.....	\$620
"Blizzard of Bucks".....	\$1,750
Jennifer Bassey lecture.....	\$3,300
"Barber and Seville".....	\$950
Scott Jones: musician/comedian.....	\$1,100
Shirley Le Fleur lecture.....	\$1,000
Transientz: dance club.....	\$258.15
Greenpeace lecture.....	\$2,500
Regency concert.....	\$1,750
"We Can Make You Laugh".....	\$1,500
21st Century Steel Band.....	\$1,500
Arun Gandhi lecture.....	\$3,500
Marathon Dance.....	\$445
"In All Seriousness".....	\$1,000
Movies: Fall.....	\$3,460.78
Movies: Spring.....	\$4,198.36
TOTAL	\$57,881.50



CHART FILE PHOTO

'Nerd': \$1,300

Hornby K. Fletcher, a "professional nerd" (right), was paid \$1,300 to provide entertainment at Homecoming.

Rehearsals finishing for show

BY GWEN MAPLES
STAFF WRITER

After rehearsing nearly one month, the cast members of *Androcles and the Lion* are ready to perform.

According to director Sam Claussen, assistant professor of theatre, the play is set in Rome during the year 1565. The plot is based around a group of traveling actors who move from town to town.

"I chose this play because it not only gives the play members a chance to do a classic but also reveals a lesson for everyone," he said.

Androcles and the Lion is not just a play for children to see.

"The play includes enough different levels for all to be entertained," Claussen said. "Many area schools bring in children to view the play, and Joplin brings around 600 students."

The cast members are pleased with the choice of the play.

"I love the play," said Robbie Webb, a freshman pre-nursing major. "Working on it has been a very exciting experience. I heard about it through some of my friends and decided to audition."

Webb plays a young lover named Isabella who falls for Lelio, played by James Carter, a junior theatre major.

Other cast members include seniors Douglas Hill and Don Hovis. Hill will portray the part of Androcles, and Hovis has been cast as the lion.

The part of the captain will be played by Todd Webber, and Tracy Eden will play Pantalone.

Androcles and the Lion, presented by the Show-Me Celebration Company, will be performed on Feb. 24-25. Each show is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. in Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Dress Rehearsal

Seniors Doug Hill (left) and Don Hovis (right) rehearse their parts as lion characters for the upcoming presentation of *Androcles and the Lion*. The play will be performed on Feb. 24-25 in Taylor Performing Arts Center. Admission proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund for the theatre department.

Group sees versatility in small membership

BY HEATHER ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

Southern Exposure, a new singing group under the direction of Bud Clark, has replaced the Collegiate Chamber Choir.

According to Clark, director of choral activities, it has more choreography and works better as a unit with its mobile group of eight.

Clark said the mixture of four males and four females blends well together. He said the original idea of Southern

takes concentration and effort to project the music effectively while trying to dance at the same time.

Laurie Jesse, a senior music education major, believes that while Southern Exposure takes work and effort, it also is fun. "It makes you feel good inside, and I'm excited to be a part of the group," she said.

"We're all friends, and we get along so well," said Heather Wallain, a sophomore music education major. "If there were too many people in Southern Exposure, that might cause some friction."

However, Wallain does not discourage

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—Heather Wallain, music education major

Exposure came from Pete Havelly, head of the fine arts department. Havelly wanted a smaller group with more versatility.

Clark hopes the students' enthusiasm about the group will get others excited about the music program.

Doug May, a sophomore political science major, said the music Southern Exposure performs is not as technical as the chamber choir's.

"This is really jazzy and contemporary music that any age group would enjoy," said May.

He said in practicing for concerts it

anyone from joining. Southern Exposure is always looking for new members.

"We want the best, and if you have a good personality and can sing and read music quickly, you should come and tell me that you're interested," said Clark.

He said scholarships may be available for interested students.

Southern Exposure will take its first tour March 5-6. The tour will include area schools at Springfield, Marshfield, Rolla, and Waynesville. The group performs at high schools specifically to recruit students to Missouri Southern.

KXMS aims at rush-hour audience

New program, 'Southern Serenade,' focuses on classical performers

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 5 a new program titled "Southern Serenade" joined those already broadcasting from KXMS.

"It is a dinner-hour, driving-time kind of program," said Jeff Skibbe, host and producer of the show. "The music is chosen on the basis that people in the Joplin area at 5 p.m. are either driving home from work or have already sat down at the table for the evening meal."

"Radio is predominantly used in the car, and so 'Southern Serenade' is programmed for the automobile."

The show is intended to focus attention

upon the classical musical world and the performers who make the music live and breathe.

Within the initial weeks of its existence, "Southern Serenade" has played music by such performers as cellist Ofra Harnoy, "magical" pianist Claudio Arrau, and others.

According to Skibbe, there is one gift the program hopes to give to the listening audience which tunes in each week-day. That gift is entertainment.

"The whole point of the show, as in all radio performances, is to entertain," he said. "It is something to relax to as you drive, or sit at home, or make dinner."

The program also is a venture to see if

a demand exists for this type of music and to find out what the audience wants.

"It is a kind of thing where you market it to an audience and try to find out what the demand is," said Skibbe. "It is a new product of the station, and we'll eventually find out, in the long run, what the people want."

KXMS also is looking forward to the new season of a program, the "Sante Fe Chamber Music Festival," to air on week-ends beginning next month.

Skibbe said he does not see any other new programs on the horizon.

It is unfortunate," he said. "In recent years we've lost a number of shows through lack of funding from major businesses."

Film Society to present fifth program of festival

Film enthusiasts at Missouri Southern have yet another opportunity for cinematic experience as the 28th annual International Film Festival continues.

The fifth program of the festival, *Treasure of Arne*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Directed by Mauritz Stiller in 1919, the film classic exemplifies the national character of the Swedish silent cinema.

Treasure of Arne, set in the 18th century, describes the escape of three Scottish mercenaries from a castle where they have been imprisoned by King Johan III.

In their flight through the bitter winter weather they find that the coast has been surrounded by ice. In a panic, they loot and pillage Sir Arne's mansion.

One of the mercenaries becomes romantically attached to a lady of the household, but when confronted by local guardsmen, has no compunction in using her as a human shield.

Based on a story by Selma Lagerlof,

Treasure of Arne never betrays its literary origin and is considered by many critics as Stiller's masterpiece. It is best described by Peter Cowie in his book *Seventy Years of Cinema*.

"A mood of desperation pervades [the film], and the mesh of conflicting desires holds the film in a taut, dramatic form," said Cowie.

"Nature, as so often in Swedish films, plays her inexorable role, lashing the mercenaries with blizzard after blizzard and yielding only when the tragedy is complete, so that the ice melts and the waves return."

Sir Arne's Treasure has the stature of a Nordic saga, and Stiller's understanding of the subtleties of human psychology lifts it out of time."

Single admissions at the door are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens or students. The festival is sponsored by the Missouri Southern Film Society and co-sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council.

Coming Attractions

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St. Louis to bid for 2004 Olympics

Hosting '94 Festival would be precursor

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

Intent on being the host city for the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival, St. Louis is asking the General Assembly for authorization to hold elections for a proposed property tax increase to help finance three additional sports facilities needed. Majority Leader Tony Ribaudo (D-St. Louis) has introduced a bill in the House that would allow the city and St. Louis County to hold the elections on increases for as much as four cents. It also would set up the St. Louis Recreation and Amateur Sports subdistrict, part of the regional Zoo-Museum district. The bill must be approved by separate majorities in the city and the county.

The St. Louis sports committee's mission is to try and preserve the sports we now have in the city and to attract new teams to the area," said Jim Bogart, vice president of the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association. "Sports is a major economic generator for each area or region, and it was after much discussion that we realized St. Louis wasn't able to count on corporate support to fund 100 percent of the facilities we need."

The RCCA created an exploratory group to look at the feasibility of St. Louis host-

ing an Olympic Festival, and the group concluded the city has all the necessary facilities with the exception of three: an indoor swimming and diving center, a track and field arena, and an outdoor bicycle velodrome.

According to Bogart, hosting the Olympic Festival usually the precursor for being considered for the Olympics. The festival is an annual, 10-day event featuring 4,000 amateur athletes from across the country.

"The first priority of the bill is to help bring the festival to St. Louis, and eventually the 2004 Olympics," he said. "But we won't take the tax to the voters until we've been awarded the festival. However, if we can raise the money individually, then we won't have to ask the voters for financial support."

In 1982 Indianapolis built a \$21 million swimming and diving center, dubbed "the Rolls Royce" of its kind because of its top-notch technical marvels. To now emulate that facility would cost more than \$35 million.

Bogart said St. Louis is looking at constructing "a nice center" for around \$20 to \$25 million, with seating for 3,000 to 5,000 spectators.

The outdoor bicycle velodrome, with a banked oval track for about a third of a mile, would cost anywhere from \$1.5 to \$2 million. As for the track and field arena, St. Louis is considering enhancing the arena at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.

"There are many different variables we have to take into account with the Southern Illinois facility," said Bogart. "We have to consider more parking space and additional temporary seating. We're talking anywhere from \$10 to \$6 million to enhance the place."

Along with these three facility projects, Bogart said there are many other facilities that need enhancing to accommodate Olympic needs and standards.

"The best bowling alley we have would have to be expanded, and temporary spectator seating would have to be added. We don't know how much it's going to take to enhance these other areas, but right now we're doing a special feasibility study to determine how much we're going to need in all."

The U.S. Olympic Festival committee will have St. Louis's completed details and planning arrangements by June 1, said Bogart, and in January 1991 the committee will award the host cities for the next three years.

"In the beginning we were shooting for the '93 festival, but since our domed stadium downtown won't be completed until 1994, we decided to go instead with that year," he said. "It really worked out the better for us because as you get closer to the Olympic Games in '96, the top names in amateur sports tend to come out and do their fine tuning."

"If a city hosts the festival two or three years before the [Olympic] Games, it runs the risk of not attracting the stars, the peo-

ple making headlines."

St. Louis is competing with San Antonio and other cities of similar size for the 1994 Olympic Festival, while New York City and Boston are battling for the one in 1995.

"Right now we're just starting the public relations and public education campaign," said Bogart, "but everyone we've talked with has been supportive and wants to get involved."

Bogart said he is pleased with the legislature's response to the bill, and though there is no guarantee of the Capitol on the passing of any bill, he remains optimistic because "the Governor seems to be supportive of such an event, and we've been well supported everywhere we've been."

"This is a wonderful opportunity, and not just good for St. Louis," he said. "It would be a bi-state festival, great for Illinois and Missouri both. It creates a win/win situation for both states and would have a long-lasting impact in the state of Missouri as far as sports is concerned."

The Gateway City hosted the first international Olympic Games in conjunction with the World's Fair in 1904. If awarded the '94 festival, it would mark the 10-year countdown to the 2004 Olympics, the 100th anniversary of the Games.

Sponsored by Rep. Tony Ribaudo (D-St. Louis), the amateur sports tax plan has recently been read in the House municipal corporations committee and is awaiting further action.

Capitol Briefs

Ashcroft orders aid for idled workers

► Last week Gov. John Ashcroft directed Missouri's Rapid Response Team to develop a plan to assist workers affected by the closing of the Chrysler Corporation's plant No. 1 in St. Louis County.

On Feb. 1 Chrysler officials informed the Department of Economic Development that they would stop production at the St. Louis plant by Sept. 21, putting nearly 1,800 workers out of a job. A total of 3,700 workers are affected by the shutdown, including 1,900 who were placed on temporary layoff in December.

"My heart goes out to these workers and families affected by this decision," Ashcroft said. "These people have given their very best, and now we will do everything possible at the state level to help them find other work."

Topics announced for Earth Day 1990

► The specific topics of environmental concern have been set for discussion for the 1990 Governor's Conference on Natural Resources, which will be held April 12-13 at the Hearnes Fieldhouse in Columbia.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Missourians who are environmentally concerned to better understand the problems—and the progress—at hand," said Tracy Mehan, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. "The significance of environmental issues to the quality of life in Missouri is obvious and growing in importance daily."

"Earth Day 1990: Meeting the Challenge" is the theme of this first-ever conference. It reflects the 20th anniversary of the original Earth Day and is carried throughout the four workshop tracks of the event.

Topics to be addressed include quality and quantity of groundwater, public policy making, the greenhouse effect, acid rain, geologic hazards such as earthquakes, mineral resources, and emergency energy planning.

Bill would charge tax on newsprint

► Sen. Fred Dyer (R-St. Charles) is sponsoring a bill that would charge a sales tax on newsprint—the paper on which newspapers are printed—unless 10 percent is recycled paper. After 1994, the sales tax would be charged to those newspapers which do not use at least 40 percent recycled paper.

"All I'm trying to do is create enough economy there so newspapers will be recycled," Dyer said.

However, according to Doug Crews, executive director of the Missouri Press Association, newspapers which want to use recycled paper cannot always get it.

"If the product is not there, the newspapers should not be penalized for it," said Crews. "We're at the mercy of the producers of the newsprint."

Drunken boater bill gains House floor

► For the first time in six 1/2 years of trying, Rep. Doug Harpool's (D-Springfield) bill has become the House judiciary committee's top priority and should be debated in the House during the next two or three weeks.

"This is no doubt the best shot I've ever had [at passing the legislation]," said Harpool.

Primarily affecting the Lake of the Ozarks, Harpool's bill, among other things, would create the crime of involuntary manslaughter with a vessel, and establishes 0.10 as the legal limit for the blood-alcohol level for a boat operator.



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Playing time

Members of the Jefferson City High School orchestra perform in the Capitol last Wednesday as part of the slated activities for Missouri Citizens for the Arts.

Findings indicate more homeless than estimated

The Missouri Coalition for the Homeless released its findings last week, concluding that the previous estimates of homelessness in the state "are way too low."

"The previous estimates of 40,000 homeless in Missouri is much less than the actual number," said Rev. Larry Rice, president of the Missouri Coalition for the Homeless. "We are not able to take an accurate census on the number of homeless because there are several homeless people living with relatives, people that we can't find, and those who move from place to place."

The findings come as a result of conducting public hearings throughout the state last year, of which Rice and the Coalition's lobbyist, Dave Depker, paneled.

Current estimates now state there are 15,000 homeless in St. Louis, 18,000 in Jackson County (Kansas City), 5,000 in St. Louis County, and 10,000 in rural Missouri. Rice said rural homelessness does exist and is increasing "at least as fast

as urban homelessness."

The report also shows that many families in all parts of Missouri are living without heat due to utility shut-offs because of their inability to pay their bill.

According to Depker, the supply of affordable housing for families with an income less than \$14,000 per year is far less than the demand. He said many of the affordable units are inadequate, lack proper necessities, and many require substantial repairs to comply with the housing codes.

"Currently no housing is being built, and the Missouri Housing Development Commission is not financing projects to build or help preserve housing which is affordable for this low income group," said Depker. "Single-room occupancy units for the poor are almost non-existent."

Finally, the report states that most new homeless Missourians are children, and these children routinely deny they are homeless in order to avoid harassment and attention from the other children.

Lobbyists inform the lawmakers

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON
MANAGING EDITOR

As part of the legislative process, lobbyists spend much of their time at the State Capitol attending committee hearings and informing legislators on the merits of certain bills.

"There is absolutely no way they (the legislators) can learn everything there is to know about a certain issue or topic, so they need us, the lobbyists, there to inform them," said Nancy Sell, a research specialist for the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. "To be effective, they need us as much as we need them."

For Sell, the lobbying begins in early December as she and her colleagues begin researching the legislation to be introduced in the coming year and determining which side representatives and senators will be taking on certain issues.

"The legislation process is quite complex, and there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that needs to be done," she said. "It can get real hectic at times, but it's great work and many things can be accomplished."

Sell also attends hearings and testifies for or against various bills. Many times she offers suggestions to the committees and bill supporters. A six-year lobbyist with the Chamber, Sell often attends 40-plus meetings a week and talks with the sponsors of bills about their position and hers.

"There's more than one type of lobbying," Sell said. "Many times it requires a one-on-one discussion about an issue, or floor debate, offering amendments, helping to right the bill, and a



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Lobbying

Dr. Joel Denney, a registered lobbyist for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, testifies in a committee hearing last week in support of a bill introduced by Rep. Annette Morgan (D-Kansas City). Lobbyists attend these meetings to provide information to the legislators.

lot of times presenting public opinion."

Sell said the Chamber publishes a weekly legislative newsletter that is sent to all its members, keeping them up to date on bills they are interested in and what the Chamber is doing in conjunction with those issues.

"Part of my job is to persuade, as well as to inform," she said. "We're there for them to call on when they need to know something, and we also inform them as to the possible effects of passing or not passing a bill."

William A. Gamble, a government and public relations consultant in Jefferson City, also lobbies at the Capitol and represents about 20 different organizations, including the Fire Chiefs Asso-

ciation of Missouri, the Missouri Dental Association, and the Missouri Softdrink Association.

"Some groups or organizations can't afford a full-time staff person to lobby for them, and that is where I come in," said Gamble. "Each group pays me separately, and I lobby their position with the legislators and try to persuade their decision one way or another."

"You have to be diverse so you don't develop conflicts."

No stranger to the legislative process, Gamble graduated from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., in 1974 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and immediately became a legislative intern at the Capitol. He also

worked for two years on the House research staff before becoming an independent lobbyist in 1977.

From Monday through Thursday each week, Donna Hodge, staff specialist for Empire District Electric Company of Joplin, works out of different legislators' offices talking with them about various bills.

"My lobbying job is to educate the legislators as to my company's needs," Hodge said. "I have to develop a relationship with the legislators so they know me and trust what I'm saying."

Hodge, who lives in Joplin, travels to the State Capitol three or four times per month.

Football recruiting crop pleases Lantz

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

After signing six players from Missouri and nine from Oklahoma yesterday, Jon Lantz said the spring recruiting season was successful.

"This is the strongest class of recruits Southern has had in the past two years," said Lantz, head football coach. "We have some good players who will help the program."

Lantz said the coaching staff was looking for help in the secondary and at wide receiver. He said the Lions also needed to fill openings on the defensive line.

Several factors are considered in selecting a recruit, according to Lantz. He said he looks for ability as well as adaptability and determines if the player will "fit" into the program.

"If the recruit does not look for a family environment, they will not fit in here," he said. "That's what we stress—family."

Missouri recruits are Eddie Gross, of-

fensive lineman, Branson; Greg Bauer, offensive lineman, Lebanon; Randy Hunt, running back-defensive back, St. Louis Hazelwood East; Ron Burton, linebacker, St. Louis Hazelwood East; Don Beck, defensive tackle, Kansas City Oak Park; and Matt Boyer, linebacker, Joplin.

Recruits from Oklahoma are Kevin Bull, linebacker-defensive end, Tulsa Thomas Edison; Jason Smith, wide receiver, Tulsa Thomas Edison; Walter Sloan, defensive back, Sapulpa; James Tiger, defensive end, Mustang; Ronnie Hughes, running back-defensive back, Mustang; Matt Adams, offensive line, Wyandotte; Jarrett Hurt, defensive back, Wyandotte; John Derrick, linebacker, Muskogee; and Charlie Burtrum, wide receiver, Quapaw.

Of the 15 recruits, four are from the area: Adams, Hurt, Burtrum, and Boyer. Lantz said it "feels good" to be able to sign four "locals."

"I feel really good about all the recruits, especially the local boys," said Lantz. "In

the past, I think Southern has had trouble inking local kids. Our success this season will help Southern in the future."

In addition to strengthening the Lions' depth, Lantz said the new recruits will "stir up competition" among current team members. He said he is pleased because he foresees a few of the recruits "contributing right away."

"All of the players are buzzing about the quality of the recruits we have signed," he said. "Of course, this will force the veterans to work harder because none of them wants to lose to a freshman."

Ending last season with a 6-4 record, Lantz said it is "satisfying" for a coach to rebuild a program and take it one step further. He said the team is "hungry to compete" for a conference championship.

The Lions finished last season fourth in the MIAA. He said as a general rule, rebuilt programs won't compete for the conference championship until the third year.

"Next season may be too soon to think

about winning the conference, but I don't really think so."

"The next step is to become a real factor of competition, and that is where we are headed."

According to Lantz, this is the first season he has had to turn players away.

"We actually had to turn kids down because we ran out of money for scholarships," he said.

Lantz prides himself on the ability of Southern's program to recruit good student athletes. He said in addition to looking at a player's athletic ability, he also checks into the athlete's academic record. He said since Southern has moved into the National Collegiate Athletic Association, stricter regulations have been placed on the athletes.

"The average ACT score of this class of recruits is 22," he said. "This demonstrates the importance of strong academic performance as well as athletic ability."

My Opinion



Lions can control their own destiny

The basketball Lions, in the hunt for post-season play after a two-season drought, have surprised their critics by making a run at the MIAA tournament.

In the pre-season coaches' poll, the Lions received the least points (18) of any MIAA team. A finish of no better than the cellar of the South Division was predicted.

Oh, what a difference three months can make!

A win last night over Missouri-Rolla coupled with a Pittsburg State loss to Southeast Missouri bolted the Lions into the No. 5 spot in the mad dash to make the league playoffs.

Of the six post-season berths, only two realistically remain open. Division leaders Central Missouri State and Southwest Baptist, along with SMO and Missouri Western, complete the list of shoe-ins.

Spots five and six, if the season ended today, would go to Southern, 6-5 in the MIAA, and PSU, 5-6.

However, the season is far from complete for Coach Corn and the Lions. The toughest portion of their schedule begins Saturday at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Monday brings a match-up with non-conference rival Drury College. Home games against highly ranked SBU, on Wednesday, and Western, on Saturday, close out a span of four games in eight days.

Those last two contests become extremely important when you consider the MIAA's tie-breaking system.

Suppose that the Lions and PSU end up tied in conference victories. The first tie breaker obviously is the head-to-head match-up. Since the two teams split the season series, that does not solve the problem.

Tie-breaker No. 2 compares the two opponents' records playing common MIAA teams at common sites, starting at the top of the conference and working down. PSU already has defeated SBU and Western at home.

Simply put, Southern must beat SBU and Western in Young Gymnasium to keep pace with the Gorillas in this tie-breaking scenario.

PSU is not Southern's only concern, however, as the Lions must remain ahead of UMSEL and Northwest Missouri State University. Both the Rivermen and the Bearcats lie in wait for a PSU or Southern mistake that would enable them to grab a piece of the post-season pie.

To UMSEL's advantage, they have one home game each with the Lions and PSU. Northwest, on the other hand, needs some help after a 76-74 loss to Southern Saturday.

Five league games remain, and the Lions need two more wins to total eight in conference. That should be enough for a post-season berth.

Because of first-round byes to the top two finishers, the sixth-place team plays No. 3 and the fifth-place team plays No. 4 in the first round.

A sixth-place finish likely would send the Lions to Cape Girardeau, while the No. 5 spot would result in an easier trip (and game) to Western in St. Joseph.

The advantages clearly lie with finishing fifth, if for no other reason than to steer clear of the Show Me Center in Cape, where the Lions lost 111-75 in January.

Southern's season concludes with tough road games at CMSU and Washburn. With little chance of backing into contention and tie breakers favoring the competition, the message is clear for the Lions.

"We control our own destiny," said Corn. "If we win, everything else will fall into place."

Qualifying for the MIAA tournament their first year in the league would send a message to the rest of the conference. What a difference three months can make!

□ Mark Etter is a staff writer for The Chart.

Lions top Rolla, 69-54

Win over UMSEL could put team in playoffs

BY MARK ETTER
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Keith Allen tied Missouri Southern's record for three-point field goals in last night's 69-54 victory over the University of Missouri-Rolla in Young Gymnasium.

Allen paced the Lions with a career high of 18 points, all coming from three-point range. Senior Mike Rader added 10 points, 11 rebounds, and eight assists.

"I was pleased with our rebounding and defensive efforts," said Robert Corn, head coach. "We only gave up 21 points in the first half and held the rebounding edge throughout the game."

The win boosted the Lions to 6-5 in the MIAA and evened their overall record at 10-10. It also earned them sole possession of fifth place in the MIAA playoff race.

On Saturday, Southern will make the six-hour trek to the University of Missouri-St. Louis for a rematch with the Rivermen. The Lions will be looking to make it two in a row over UMSEL after a 96-80 home victory on Jan. 27.

"If they come up here and win, that will probably put them in the playoffs. A loss puts us out," said Rick Meckfessel, UMSEL head coach. "Our post defense was atrocious down there. We have to do a

better job on [Sam] Wilcher and [Reggie] Mahone."

Wilcher dominated inside play in the last meeting by tallying a season-high 27 points on 11 of 12 shooting from the field.

"Sam has given us a big boost in our last few games," Corn said. "We really don't want to change our game plan too much. It will come down to our execution and the amount of effort we put into rebounding."

The Lions travel to Springfield Monday, attempting to avenge a season-opening 65-55 loss to Drury College. The Panthers, 23-3 overall, are ranked No. 11 in this week's NAIA Top 25.

"We've made strides as a basketball team, but there is no room for complacency on our part," Corn said. "Drury has improved since we last played. It's going to be a tough challenge."

Southwest Baptist University brings its No. 4 NCAA Division II ranking to Young Gymnasium Wednesday for another meeting with the Lions. Outscored 17-6 in the final two and a half minutes, Southern bowed to the Bearcats 93-76 on Feb. 3.

"The thing that impresses me so much is their execution," said Corn. "Making plays when you have to is the sign of a winner. SBU has done that all season."



On the boards

Senior forward Sam Wilcher (No. 42) and junior forward David Lurvey (No. 50) battle for a rebound in Southern's 96-85 loss to Southeast Missouri Feb. 7.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANGELL

Stations to televise game

The public broadcasting stations of Springfield (KOZK) and Joplin (KOZJ) will team up Monday to bring local basketball fans the Lions' game at Drury College in Springfield.

The game will be shown at 10 p.m. on a tape-delay basis.

"Our main facility is on the Drury campus in Springfield," said Kathy Lima, KOZJ station manager. "We had planned to broadcast three games at Drury this season. We did the School of the Ozarks game, the Rockhurst game, and finally

we'll do the 'neighborhood battle' between Southern and Drury."

Sports broadcasts are a new item for the local PBS stations.

"You have to understand our position," said Lima. "In public broadcasting we try to give the public programming they can't find anywhere else. If we can do this successfully, we might try it again. It all depends on the reception we get from the public."

The game will be re-broadcast again at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Lady Lions fall to Rolla, 66-64; need three wins for playoff berth

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND
SPORTS EDITOR

Unable to snap a four-game losing streak last night, the Lady Lions took a second loss at the hands of the University of Missouri-Rolla, 66-64.

"This loss does not feel bad," said Janet Gabriel, head coach. "We played really well. With all the team has gone through, I think last night's game showed we are coming back. We know in our hearts we won the game."

Senior Susie Walton led the Lady Lions with 16 points, and junior Terri Haynes added 13.

"I think both of the teams were on about the same level," Gabriel said. "We didn't just fall over and play dead. We forced Rolla to change their defense. They are a very good team."

Junior Stephanie Burgess said the Lady Lions enjoyed the game against UMR.

"We had fun," Burgess said. "We really played as a team. I think we played with enthusiasm and intensity."

Raye Pond, assistant coach, called last night's game "exciting." She said the team played hard and well.

"Playing a good team is good for us," Pond said. "Rolla is a very good team, and I think we held them with good defense. We didn't let them walk away with a win."

Monday, the Lady Lions were defeated

by Washburn University 73-37 in Topeka. Gabriel said the team fell apart.

"We just totally lost it," she said. "The girls kept throwing the ball around the gym and never did really grab hold of it."

Last Saturday, Southern lost to Northwest Missouri State University, 72-65, in Maryville. Gabriel said too many turnovers cost the Lady Lions the game.

"We were the better team," she said. "We just didn't concentrate."

Pond said she thought Southern should have beaten the Bearkittens.

"We could have won, but we did not play to our potential," Pond said.

With an overall record of 8-16 and a 3-10 conference mark, the Lady Lions hope to win their final three games. Three victories could earn Southern a playoff berth.

The Lady Lions' next battle will come Saturday against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Southern hopes history repeats itself with another victory.

"We beat them 82-60 earlier this season, and I think we can win again," Gabriel said. "The girls want to win, and it is possible if they take every ounce of energy and concentration we have."

On Wednesday the Lady Lions will try to avenge an 85-82 overtime loss to Southwest Baptist University two weeks ago.

"We are out for revenge," said Burgess. "We will all be fired up for this game. We want to win."

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

The 1990 Missouri Southern baseball team will have a different look this season, according to its head coach.

"We're little," said Warren Turner. "We're going to have to steal bases and make things happen. We can't sit back and wait for the home run ball."

One of the reasons for the change in the Lions' style of play is attributed to the graduation of Jim Baranoski, who led last year's 36-22 squad with 16 home runs.

"Bear" is not here anymore to drive in the big runs," Turner said. "Right now, we are going with a little different philosophy. It's going to be interesting."

Turner said the Lions seem prepared to begin the spring campaign after numerous scrimmages with local junior colleges.

"The pitching staff is ahead of the hitters right now," he said. "We only have three seniors, so we are a relatively young team. Because we only lost two players last year, we only have two new players in our starting line-up."

One of the new players is sophomore catcher Kevin Koch, a transfer from Texas Christian University.

"At TCU I wasn't playing much, but I felt I could play somewhere," said Koch. "Coach Turner said he needed a good defensive catcher who could handle the pitchers. I felt like those were some of my stronger suits. I'm not going to replace Baranoski's hits, but I'll do a good job behind the plate."

Koch sees the pitching staff ready to take on the tough competition that lies ahead.

Baseball Lions to open season at Arkansas, OSU

Texas Christian transfer to handle catching chores

"The last two days we have been scrimmaging, and in 28 innings they have only walked two batters. They are throwing strikes right now which is the most important thing. We have some good starting pitchers in [Mike] Stebbins and [Ken] Grundt. They can be really effective."

Junior first baseman Danny Rogers will be counted on for the long-ball threat in the middle of the Lions' batting order. He belted 14 home runs last season and tied for the team lead in RBIs with 88.

"If Danny Rogers is going to get any pitches hit, the guys batting around him are going to have to start hitting," Turner said. "But everybody is going to have to play up to par."

The Lions open their season at 3 p.m. tomorrow at the University of Arkansas. On Sunday, the team will travel to Stillwater to take on Oklahoma State University at 1 p.m. Both teams are ranked among the top 10 in pre-season NCAA baseball polls.

"We always start the season off playing all the big schools, so our record is usually around 2-8," said Rogers. "Then we'll start playing teams in our conference, and we'll start doing well."

Koch doesn't believe the Division I schools will present much intimidation. "We realize that those teams are good hitting clubs, but I think we can hold our own," he said. "There's no reason we can't beat them if we pitch well. We view it as a challenge. I know we played OSU last year and lost 23-1, but it is an opportunity to see great athletes and good pitching."

Turner said the Lions will find themselves in a new conference this season, and that could present problems.